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Sunday, March 4	19,601
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Thursday, March 8	41,797
Friday, March 9	40,530
Katurday, March 10	42,311
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Total	267,534
Daily average (Sunday, 19,601, excepted)	41,333

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 1900.

A Trust Campaign Against Trusts. The Republican party which, according to one of its ablest exponents, always from the condition of public sentiment throughout the country at the present time. The relations between the Adm ni tration and the Standard Oil bank in consin, with remarkably well simulated New York; the abandonment of the Presi- hysteria, "let the people of Porto Rico dent's free trade position with regard to Porto Rice, on the demand of other trusts; whether we shall pay back the money colthe exposure of the Idaho Bull Pen horrors inflicted upon American miners by negre soldiers employed for the purpose at the dictation of trust magnates-these and other like developments have made it indeed no easy task for the party in power, placed in power by and for the benefit of the trusts, to convince the citizenship of the United States that its dearest wish is to throttle and destroy the thing upon which it lives and thrives, and to which it owes allegiance unlimited by humanity, honor, law, or Constitution. When the Republican party talks about action against the trusts, it is too much like casting out devils, in the name of Belzebub, prince of devils," not to be humor-

Still, the party of Hanna, Rockefeller, and Company, is not without effrontery among its other virtues, and it seriously proposes an attempt to convince American voters that if once more trusted with con-Mr. McKinley is not a sturdy anti-trust of front: ***** to. Who are the trusts, to which Spooner until after the Presidential election. This method of assuaging public wrath is being pushed to the extent of inducing the warring partners in the Carnegie Trust to postpone their litigation until next winter, when the fact that a protected infant industry can make a profit of forty-two million dollars in one year, out of the gold mine of Dingleyism, will be no longer harmful to the party for immediate pursuing the profit of the trusts, to which Spooner to which Spooner so feelingly refers, and which would like to get back customs duties, while the porton Ricans starve? We are positively certain that they do not include those industrial infants dear to the hearts of the Rockefellers, the Haveneyers, Oxnard, Spreckles, and Duke.

A New Danger.

The over-cautious man has always cause

March 16, Burrell's Press Clippings Bureau, \$75.98. March 17, Allen's Clipping Sureau, \$16. April 22, Chicago Bureau, \$16. Spil 22, Chicago Bureau, \$16. Spil 22, Chicago Bureau, \$10.86; May 18, Burrell's Bureau, \$82.3; June 13, Allen's, \$16; June 29, Chicago Bureau, \$21.12; August 8, Allen's, \$24; September 19, Burrell's, \$1.58. This makes the respectable total of \$294.63 for press clippings covering a peri. 3- of eight months for which your Uncle Jim Wilson makes the Government pay the freight. harmful to the party for immediate pur-

The Republican brethren are good, or goodness that they intend. They will only attempt to crush the hydra-headed monmier of monopoly with a Constitutional amendment, which they will kill as soon as the proposition has served its purpose In the campaign.

The Sheldon Experiment,

as to the popularity and living chance of a daily paper devoted primarily to missionary exhortation, and a little mild ethics, could never be settled in that time We are glad that the "Topeka Capital" directors have determined to Sheldonize their journal for good and all. Before the season of unusual interest" just about to terminate, they had a circulation of a few thousand. It is now three hundred thousand. They flourished on the modest volpublications of the class. This week they have been simply engulfed in patronage from all over the world, and they must feel because they certainly act as if they had money for purposes of conflagration.

Next week the real crux of their experithe permanent scheme of no news and all peka Capital" is not an ordinary, unreg eatly surprised.

Practical Pulpit Politics. It is sometimes said that the clergy

man of today does not follow the precepts of the New Testament as closely eted for this session if they can manage it visit the poor, to comfort the unfortunate, and to aid those in need of material or to the President until next winter. The spiritual assistance.

The former rector of a church in Poughkeepsie is in a position to say something lican Senators shows, and the party manabout the reasons for this alleged degen-

It is reported that this clergyman has been such a destructive issue. practically forced to resign because he spent so much of his time among the sick poor that the wealthier members of his congregation were afraid he might bring the germs of discase into their own homes. The next rector which that church is privileged to have will probably see the futility of trying to live up to the standards of the primitive Christians, and will devote his time to church politics instead.

Some of the elergymen of the present time are laying themselves open to criti cism by sensational methods of carrying on their work, and others undoubtedly truckle to the wealthy pewholders rather more the congregation is partly responsible for these peccadilloes, especially the last one. When a conscientious pinister, with a family to support, is made aware that he I faith in the people.

must please the men who pay his salary or he will not have any salary in a year r iwo, he frequently makes every effort to to so. In many churches the pastor is continual scheming and plotting, the obsacrifice from its pastor. There are some are possessed of abilities so great that they can disregard church politics. But many are forced into a position which is repugnant to them, obliged to choose between placating the influential members of the knows how to get out of its dilemmas, church, or being cast adrift, perhaps at an realizes that something starting will advanced age; and an old clergyman finds have to be done, and done at once, to as- it, as a rule, extremely hard to secure a sure the American people that it is op-posed to the trusts. The size of the un-always able to stand out against the insiddertaking it proposes may well be realized jous pressure brought to bear upon them.

Spooner and the Octobus.

"Yes," shouted Senator Spooner of Wisstarve until the courts have determined lected as duties to the sugar and tobacco trusts!" Evidently, the moral of the story is in the application of it. Mr. Spooner, in the frankness of his peculiarly open nature would let us into the dark secret that t is the trusts that want free trade with Porto Rico, while he and his octopus hunting associates, Hanna, Hale, Payne, and the rest, are trying to extend the bounte ous boon of Dingleyism to the suffering

The Spooner position will not stand the test of historical analysis. A few weeks for humanity toward Porto Rico and im-

The over-cautious man has always cause for trepidation. There are some people who can never be comfortable so long as mean to be; but it is strictly a post facto they can see, anywhere in the distance the smallest chance of harm coming to themselves or their families. They worry continually over the possibility of this, that, and the other misfortune happening to them as it has to others, and cannot enome time in the future.

her kitchen, unconscious of any danger, when there was a violent explosion, and she was thrown to the floor and scalded with hot water. It was subsequently discovered that a pot of beans had exploded with such force that some of the fiving beans were actually imbedded in the wood-

This is a truly ominous developmen Heretofore the bean has been considered as one of the most harmless and nutriions of foods, and it was not known that could possibly be a receptacle for stored-up energy of this sort. If there not safety in the bean-pot, what is Boston to do?

Some time ago, in the streets of an Alabama town, a barrel of molasses exment will come. We shall then see how ploded, covering the buildings, vehicles, the subscribers and advertisers respond to mules, and people in the vicinity with sweet and sticky fluid. This was sufficient-Sheldon. If inside of ninety days the "To- ly alarming, but if beans as well as molasses are proved unsafe, what will hapgenerate little Kansas daily again, or in pen next? Will the flour barrel display the hands of the shoriff, we shall be the properties of dynamite, or butte agreeably disappointed, of course, but also tubs and potato bins turn out to be dis guised bombshells?

To judge from the actions of Adminis tion leaders and their private conversation, the Porto Rican Tariff bill will be pockes his predecessors; that he neglects to and the whole question of taxation as well as government for the island, will be left country is growing daily angrier over the matter, as the correspondence of Repubagers are all but in a panie over the political blunder they have made in raising

> We venture to presume that all Repreentatives and other statesmen who are ersonally interested in the results of approaching conventions and elections, are dutifully sporting shamrocks today. Old General Scott was not the only human being who in a Presidential year loved the 'sweet German accent and the rich Irish

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political or other selfish considerations. It is a question of pleasing its readers. It is sim than is dignified or manly; but, after all, i ply an bonest effort to be honest with them-to take them wholly into its confidence, relying alike on the merits of its pica and the fairness of its readers. More perhaps, than any other business it must venture everything on its

POLITICAL NOTES AND GOSSIP.

Western Uneasiness .- Former Govnor Stone, of Missouri, Vice Chairman of pearance in the pulpit, cater to the whims come out in an interview warning the Monday. of certain rich people who contribute a faithful to beware of the insidious large share of the running expenses of the approach of the goldbug. Governor ston church, and exercise his inventive genius thinks he discerns a movement to in devising social entertainments for the take the party organization out of the congregation. Whatever time he has left hands of its present managers and again may be given to visiting the sick and do- put it in the control of the auriferous ing missionary work among the very poor. Eastern element. It is believed Governor No man with a soul and a conscience can Stone's outery is due to the quiet movefeel comfortable when forced to make this ment now being conducted by Carl Schurz sort of compromise with the demands of and others to induce Grover Cleveland to his sacred calling. If he is fit to be a formally endorse the party as it now stands clergyman at all, he has chosen that pro- with the ostensible view of strengthening fession because of the opportunities it af- the Democracy in the East. Nobody preforded for doing good. To be forced into tends to believe that Mr. Cleveland's endorsement would do the party any good in ject of which is simply to hold a position, the West. On the contrary if he should is distasteful to any honest human being, come back to the fold it is not doubted that much more one who has vowed to give his his re-admission would do positive harm life to work for the benefit of others. The in the West and in some sections of the congregation has no right to demand this South. It is also considered doubtful whether he could be of any material asciergymen who, being born politicians, do sistance in the East. From this viewpoint not object to this state of things; others the conclusion is re sociable that Governor Stone's warning to the faithful to keep a sharp lookout for the goldbugs is really a protest against Cleveland's re-admission. Recent deve,opments in Missouri show that the old Cleveland element there is again getting into power. Former Congressman Dockery has a "cinch" on the nomination for Governor. His success means that the Hon. David R. Francis will again be in control of the party machinery in Missouri.
With Francis at the helm Stone will be relganization of the State in their they can more surely regain control of leg-they can more surely regain control of legislation at Jefferson City. Stone hopes to checkmate them by raising a lusty cry against Cleveland and the goldbugs. But Missourians in Washington declare that Stone has permitted the Dockery movement to get too much headway. Dockery's nom-ination for Governor is practically assured, and Stone's fate is sealed. It is thought he still will be influential in the national councils of the party, but that Francis in future will run the machine in Missouri.

Farmer Wilson's Expenditures -The Departm ent of Agriculture is presided over by the Hon. James Wilson, of Tama, Iowa. He was born in Scotland, and prides himself on being a practical farmer. With ago when President McKinley was firmly | characteristic Scotch sturdiness he has won a reputation considerably more than any mediate recognition of the inherent con- other member of the Cabinet for indifferstitutional right of domestic free trade ence to popular clamor. From a statement possessed by that American Territory; of the expenditures of the Department just when even the elastic and versatile Payne issued the admirers of the Hon. James was declaring that Porto Rico must have | Wilson are pained to find that this great what was "accorded to every other State agriculturist has his little foibles that show and Territory, and Alaska not organized him to be only human. He has not only into a Territory," not a voice in the countrol of national affairs, it will never sleep until the last trust is rooted out of the Thion. In order that there shall be no question of Republican good faith, or that and the White House and ordered a change when the shall be no attorneys swooped down upon the Capitol and the White House and ordered a change when the shall be no attorneys swooped down upon the Capitol White House, The official statement referred to shows a remarkably large expenditure by the Secretary's office for Mr. McKinley is not a sturdy auti-trust of front.

Then it was, and not until then, that a bimetallist and a civil service reformer, the proprietors of the Administration are being urged to keep their profits and operations as much under cover as possible until after the Presidential election. This is no feelingly refers and which would like the proprietors of the Administration are can territory as foreign, for purposes of the secretary's office for newspaper clippings containing commen more or less flattering to the Secretary of a griculture. Here are a few of the payments on this account for last year: February 23, Chicago Press Clippings Bureau \$30.37; March 13, same concern, \$18.02 to the payments on this account for last year: February 23, Chicago Press Clippings Bureau \$30.37; March 13, same concern, \$18.02 to the payments on the payments on this account for last year: February 23, Chicago Press Clippings Bureau \$30.37; March 13, same concern, \$18.02 to the payments on the payments of the payments on the payments of the payments of

Taylor to Appeal Again.-The lates news from Frankfert indicates that Taylor the usurper is preparing to again appeal to President McKinley to hold him in the office of Governor with Federal soldiers. Taylor's militia appears to have deserted joy the good things they have because they appeal to Washington will be of no avail. are apprehensive of disaster and loss at Mr. McKinley, it is thought, is cutirely tal \$25,000; the First National Bank of As-The Sheldon Experiment.

The proprietors of the "Topeka Capital"

Are so much delighted with the prosperity which has blessed their efforts, through Sheldon, to run their sheet for a week as Sheldon sheldon, to run their sheet for a week as allowing impure water, milk, or food to be furnished the community, it would be propose to continue business at the o'd stand on a permanent sermon and antinews basis.

This will be welcome intelligence to a large element of Americans who have regretted that the test of the Sheldon idea was so limited in duration as to not be a test at all. People will patronize any large and the question of the sheldon idea, a work and the question of the sheldon idea, and the question of the sheldon idea, and the question of the the Hanna machine confidently expects to have the electoral vote of Kentucky count-ed for Mr. McKinley if the national election in that State is held under the Goebel law and the Presidential contest is as to make the thirteen votes of Kentucky necessary to Mr. McKinley's re-election. Why, then, should Mr. McKinley or Mr. Hanna care anything about Taylor's troubles? The general opinion is that they very greatly prefer the present con dition in the State, with the prospect favorable to Taylor being compelled to ab-dicate, to intervening with the iron hand of the Federal Government and so incens-ing the mass of the people of Kentucky that they would give the State to the Democrats by such an overwhelming ma ority in November that the House would not be sure to count the Bluegrass electoral vote for Mr. McKinley. And the Ken tucky Democrats seem bent on playing to the hands of the Hanna counting machine by refusing to repeal or in any way modify the Goebel law. It is believed that the men in control of the Kentucky Democracy are in about the same mood as the Louisiana Democrats who sold out the Presidency in 1876 for the State offices,

Pure Food Laws, (From the Philadelphia Enquirer.) Legislation to compel the manufacturers of for roducts to sell pure products or else by brand r label to give public warning of the kind and ality of the product, cannot be too severe. ndard based on lines similar to those used i standard. The health and busine's of the on depend upon some such legislation. Sup it should be cumbersome, as its opponent, that is no reason why it should not be led as a safeguard between the innocent con ner and the swindling manufacturer. If it is abcrooms, then make the penalties severe in sportion and let those who are responsible for ging about this condition of affa'vs bear the

The Destruction of Trees.

(From the Minneapolis Times.)

igo on consuming the natural wealth of our country wars. The ury without doing something to repair the waste. I placed, at

IN THE HOTEL CORRIDORS.

Gen. W. L. Alexander, United States Army, is at the Ebbitt from Chicago on Depractically required to make a showy ap- the Democratic National Committee, has partment business and will remain until

> J. C. Underwood, counsel for the Confederate Veterans' Association, is at the Riggs from Louisville, Ky., and will be quartered here for a week.

Attorney General A. D. Douglas, of Ne traska, is at the Raleigh from Omaha. He is at the Capital to plead several cases before the Supreme Court. One of these a barber shop for the purpose of shaving and hair cutting is not a work of necessity there is a strong sentiment against the

Capt. M. J. McGrath, Capt. John J. Healey, and William Yoeke, a prominent lawyer, are at the Arlington from Chicago. Captain McGrath is plaintiff in a suit against a local street railway company, in which he alleges that he was injured by the negligence of an employe. Messrs. Healey and Vocke are his counsel.

Hon. Francis B. Dewitt, a former member of the Ohio Legislature and formerly a Representative from the Buckeye State, is at the National frem Paulding, Ohio. He called on the Preydent today and discussed the called on the Preadent today and discussed the appointment of a collector of customs for the Toledo district, for which position Mr. Dewitt is one of twelve candidates. He is the sixth of these officeseekers who have been in this city recently. As. Mr. Dewitt is on good terms with Senators Hanna and Foraker he believes he will be the cuce-stall candidate. With Francis at the helm Stone will be relegated to the rear. This, then, is what Stone is fighting now. It is not thought that he is at all une my about Bryan. The Stone opposition in Missouri cares not who is nominated f.. President. Their sole aim is to unhorse Stone and get the party organization of the State in their lands so they can more surely regain control of leg-* * *

Gen. G. A. Garretson, Harry A. Garfield, W. R. Warner, and Luther Allen, the Mel-egates from the Cleveland, Ohio. Chamber of Combierce, who have been at the Shore-

of Combierce, who have been at the Shore-ham for several days advocating the passage of the Lodge-Burton Consular Reform bill, which was drawn up by the body which the delegates represent, returned to Ohio this morning much pleased with the result of their visit.

"The bill will be favorably considered," said General Garretson, today, "and will be a good thing for the entire country. It places the consuls on a merit basis and enables us to obtain greater efficiency and to keep pace with the increasing commercial importance of the nation. It takes the entire system out of politics and is patterned after the English method. The bill has the endersement of the State Debill has the endursement of the State De-partment and of commercial bodies in New York, Chicago, Boston, Baltimore, Minne-apelis, and other large cities."

During his visit General Garretson ob-

3.2-inch guns for the use of Battery A, of

"We enjoy three kinds of climate in our State," said A. L. Watson, of Livingston, Mon., at Willard's today, "but it seems to In that Washington can go us one better. I have been here four days and have had spring, suramer, autumn, and winter, one season to a day. Eastern Montana is a great range country, and the people are regiting. Proposers out there is the second of the sec getting prosperous out there. Herding steers is still a profitable occupation, and I have seen herds of from 15,000 to 20,000 head of steers out there. You can buy these at about 35 per head, turn them loose for a year and wind up with a good, slick feed, and sell them for from \$75 to \$85 a head. The wool men are in high feather this year, as the price of fleece has gone up and will average 23 cents."

. . . Col. S. T. Everett, of Cleveland, Ohio, was at Chamberlin's today on a business trip. He will leave for home tomorrow

FORMING NATIONAL BANKS

Applications Favorably Acted Upon by Comptroller Dawes.

The Comptroller of the Currency yesterday approved applications for authority to organize the following-named national him, and he is thus left without adequate banks: The First National Bank of Henmilitary support. It is believed that his nessey, Okl., capita: \$25,000; the First Natoo well satisfied with the political condi-

> State banks to national banking associations received the approval of the Comp-troller of the Currency: The State Bank of Carlyle, III., to the First National Bank of Carlyle, capital \$40.000; the Farmers' Bank of Weeping Weter, Neb., to the City National Bank of Weeping Water, with a apital of \$25,000.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE CLERKS.

Secretary Gage Recommends No Re-

the cierical force in the office of the Auditor for the War Department:

"I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of a communication from the Auditor for the War Department, of this date. elative to the reduction he has been compelled to make in the clerical force of his office under the appropriation made by the act of February 24, 1899, for the purpose of restoring and repairing the worn-out and deface rolls and vouchers in his office, owing to the fact that the appropriation is exhausted.

"It is estimated that if the force Low employed on the work is dropped for want of appropriation, there will be a reduction in the number of claims settled of from fifteen to iwenty-five a day, which it is lesirable should not occur, and in view of the urgency of the case, and because there should be to interruptica in the audit of claims in the Auditor's Office, it is recom-mended that provision for the wants of his office be made in the Urgent Deficiency

oill, as follows;
"Salaries, Office of Auditor for the War Department, repairing rolls, 1900—For the purpose of restoring and repairing the worn-out and defaced rolls and vouchers in the office of the Auditor for the War Department, the following additional force rom March 15 to June 30, 1900, inclusive ten clerks, at \$1,000 each per annum, \$2,

(From the Philadelphia Record.)
is power and potency in "one cent,"
y placed. Added to the market price pe of cotton it has lifted the trade into sud ominence. European spinners are hastily to provide against impending shortage an

Forest Pire Destruction

(From the Minneapolis Tribune.) estimated that forest fires in the Sta shington have burned over areas th

BRITISH WALL PAPER TRUST. Americans Must Make an Agreement

in Order to Compete. Information received by the Departmen of State respecting the wall paper trust in Great Britain indicates that the moropoly

is a strong one. United States Consul Hol-stead, stationed at Birmingtam, says: "In a report sent some months ago, I called attention to the fact that combina-tions of the kind which at home we call 'trusts' are created here without attracting public attention or causing alarm, though no trouble is taken to keep the facts from getting to the public; and it is rare that

one hears a voice raised against trusts cases involves the constitutionality of the State anti-Sunday labor law, which forbids all manner of labor on Sunday save works of charity and actual necessity. As the law distinctly states that keeping open twenty-one lines of type set solid, and an inconspicuous position. The "Mail" article reads as follows:
"The Association of Wall-Paper Manu-

facturers, after working jointly since September 30, are now preparing a prospectus, and ar issue of capital will be made within the next few days.
"The company is already registered with £4,000,000 of share capital, plus debent-cres, and the new issue will probably be

"Practically every maker of paper hangings in the Kingdom is stated to be embraced by the federation, including Scotch Lancashire, Yorkshire, and London concers. The chairman of the combination is W. P. Huntington, late member of Parlia-

cod sheriff of Lancashire,
"Many important consolidations, adjust sents, and economics have already been effected since the formation of the federa-Consul Wilbour, of Dublin, sends the

following additional details:
"The agreement requires every dealer in wall paper to buy all stock from the combination and to sell no other for a period of supposed to the the supposed to members of the combinations for all pur members of the combinations for all pur-poses, as if they do not comply with the requirements not to sell outside makes, they will not be supplied with paper from the combination. This at present would be fatal to their business.

"Some dealers are skeptical as to the ability of the combination to maintain a monopoly and keep prices firm. The prices have not been materially advanced (perto 15 per cent), except on low-grad goods, which were sold so cheaply that there was loss on every roll, as the com-petition in this class was particularly se-vere. In these goods the percentage of advance is greater advance is greater.

"As prices are now adjusted a fair profit

is secured and production is controlled so as not to overstock the market. "While the agreement obliges the deal-ers to buy and sell the papers made by the combination, latitude is allowed with fixed liming to certain dealers, whose trade actually requires it, to use a certain amount of foreign-made paper; but in every case the dealer is held to a limited number of designs and must purchase the

ame through the combination.

'In order for American papers to comete it would seem to be necessary for the makers in the United States to come to Some agreement with the combination.

There is to chass of papers made in the United States which is imitated in Great Britain and Germany, but is not as 4500d.

These papers are in gloss or satin fitish, and can be sold at reasonable prices, while the individual of the control of the contr

Difficult Work to Estimate the elastic, more compressible, and more deceptive than a great throng. On two occasions a street or square may appear to be packed to its capacity, and one would say, roughly, that about the same number of people were present each time. As a matter of fact, there may have been a difference of several thousand. I am convinced, from observation covering a number of years, that it is impossible for anybody standing on the level occupied by a crowd to form even an approximately accurate estimate of its size. Such a speciator has no means of arriving at the density of the mass before him, and that is the vital point in the who'c calculation.

Agriculture discussion of the sock are more of the sock are facthange buy recently and chastised the youth on the floor of the exchange. This was regarded by the board of the exchange. This was regarded by the cord of the exchange. This was regarded b

proximately accurate estimate of its size.

Such a spectator has no means of arriving at the density of the mass before him, and that is the vital point in the who'c calculation.

"The proper place from which to size up' any great gathering is as nearly as possible overhead—in other words, from the roof or upper windows of some adjacent tall building. It is only by looking down on crowds from a height that you can appreciate their great differences. One will be full of lanes and passageways, with little open spaces here and there, while in another the people will be standing shoulder to shoulder with almost military precision. From above, too, the strange wave movement which occurs in all crowds is clearly discernible, and it is certainly a curious sight. A slight tit of the strange wave movement which occurs in all crowds is clearly discernible, and it is certainly a curious sight. A slight tit of the strange wave movement which occurs in all crowds is clearly discernible, and it is certainly a curious sight. A slight tit of the strange wave movement which occurs in all crowds is clearly discernible, and it is certainly a curious sight. A slight tit of the strange wave movement which occurs in all crowds is clearly discernible, and it is certainly a curious sight. A slight tit of the strange wave movement which occurs in all crowds is clearly discernible, and it is certainly a curious sight. A slight tit of the strange wave movement which is certainly a curious sight. A slight tit of the strange wave movement with that they may never come between corner, for a few seconds it will travel toward titogeners, exactly like a ripple over water, then suddenly it will break and spread itself along three or four irregular paths, to calculate the suddenly it will break and strange wave in the suddenly it will break and strange wave movements to take such eccentric routes through a large of the least resistance of four certainly a cruised to the people in the would be my friend, and I de not care it is proved to the smal duction in Force.

Secretary Gage has submitted to the President of the Senate the following communication relative to a reduction of of the least resistance. Some chap on the outskirts starts the thing by shouldering his neighbor, and the impulse is passed along, always by way of the weakest.

As an illustration of how guessers will

differ in their estimates of crowds, I asked two very level-headed gentlemen how many people they thought were assembled at the fot of Canal Street to witness the landing of Rex. One said 8,000 and the other 20,000. The reasons given in both cases sounded about equally plausible.

Fire Protection for Tenleytown, To the Editor of The Times:

I am glad to see that the District Commission ers are so cordial in their sympathy for the citi cens of Cleveland Park in their efforts to secure zens of Cleveland Park in their efforts to secure better facilities to fight fire. The people of Tenleviown also crave favor. Five years ago a volunteer fire company was organized here, a building tendered rent free to the District and a chemical
engine begged for. Although this is quite a
thickly settled village no impression could be
made by that request. There have been several
fires here, and the entreaty has been repeated
without avail. A most destructive fire occurred
here last October, and had wind prevailed the
whole village might have been destroyed. An appropriation made last July for an engine house
for Tenleytown is still untouched, and personal
appeals and resolutions from the Citizen's Association are unnoticed. Had the engine beauhere the run down hill to Cleycland Park could
have been made in quick time. We have six
churches stores, postoffice, and many clustered
dwellings. We have not the influence of the
residents of Cleveland Park, but we have equal
need and less money to replace loss. ALICE U. HUNT.

Tenleytown, D. C. A Parting Shot.

(From the Indianapolis Press.) ," said the proud beauty, "I could nev to love you." arn to love you."
"Then," said the rejected and rude man, "I
hay suppose that settles me. If you couldn't, no ring on his heel, he strode away in the

Proven Clearly.

(From the Indianapolis News.) McAlsy-There's Dr. Stillson.

FOR SEACOAST DEFENCE.

Orders Issued to Improve Efficiency of the Troops.

The War Department has issued a genral order for the improvement of the efficiency of the troops employed in sea coast defense. The order is as follows

Artillery instruction, including the care and preservation of all artillery material and accessories, platforms, emplacements, magazines, storerooms, communications, etc., will have allotted to it two hours and a half daily (whether permitting and Sundays excepted) during the rest of the year.

When the weather is too inciment for outdoor work, theoretical ard, as far as possible, practical artillery instruction will be given under cover during the prescribed hours for the season

nours for the season.

Saturday and monthly inspections will be held as prescribed in Drill Regulations.

Artillery target practice will be held as prescribed in Drill Regulations at such periods of the year as may be announced in orders from department headquarters and at such jours of the day as may be pre-

once each week, and all details of this drill will be carried out as thoroughly as the equipment at hand will permit. This exerise may take the place of one of the reg-

Pending the supply of sub-calibre tubes an arrangement may be improvised using the infantry rifle properly centred and practice had at fixed and moving targets. Exercises herein prescribed in fire discip-line will be considered a compliance with General Grders, No. 53, Adjutant General's Office, series of 1896, for the coast artillery. The mounting and dismounting of guns, ortars, and carriages will be classified as

fatigue duty.

Recruits will receive thorough instruction in the school of the soldier before they are urned in to the battery for duty.

When the weather and other conditions with a drill immediately thereafter not to exceed fifteen minutes' duration and including instruction in close order, in firing, and in the elementary movements in one.

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Small arms target practice will be limit.

The period for small arms target practic will not be limited, but may be extended throughout the year, except during the sea-son of artillery target practice. Ten minutes daily, Saturdays and Sun-

days excepted, during the active drill season, will be devoted to calisthenics.

MIDWINTER IN NEW YORK. A Writer's Early Impressions of the Metropolis, (Jacob A. Riis, in the Century.)

The very earliest impression I received of sleighing party, or half a dozen such, muf-fled to the ears in furs, and racing with grim determination for some place or other that lay beyond the page, wrapped in the mystery which so ickles the childish fam-ey. For it was clear to me that it was not ey. For it was clear to me that it was not accident that they were all going the same to suit the English markets, namely, 21 inches wide, instead of 18 inches, and 12 yards long instead of 9 yards.

"Prices are based on the weight of the paper and the number of times it has gone through the rolls."

THE SIZE OF A CROWD.

Difficult Work to Estimate the Strength of a Bultitude.

(From the New Orleans Times-Democrat.)

"Estimating the size of a crowd is the bottle of champing, and a perfect paradise for a chambon, that it was not accident that they were all going the same agoing the same accident that they were all going the same prize away off there in the waste of snow that beckoned them on. The text gave me rocident to all the land, and bus the unprintendence of school affairs, are always of there in the waste of snow that beckoned them on. The text gave me rocident two what it was. It only confirmed the impression, which was strengthened by the introduction of a half-naked savage who shivered most woefully in the foreground, that New York was somewhere within the arctic circle, and a perfect paradise for a builtinde.

(From the New Orleans Times-Democrat.) "Estimating the size of a crowd is the hottle of champigne, which always awaited hardest kind of guessing in the world," said an old citizen. 'Nothing is more clastic, more compressible, and more deather than the first sleigh on the road, would have struck me in those days. Most likely as a grievous disappointment; for my fancy,

of thing, and were dwelling securely in the memory of how we gathered violets in the woods out in Queens and kined mosquitoes in the house in Christmas week, comes grim winter and locks the rivers and in the district of St. Cloud. A widow named buries us ap to the neck in snow, before the Thanksgiving dinner is cold. Then the seasons when Gabe's much-coveted bottle stood unclaimed on the shelf in its bravery of fine ribbons till far into the New Year, and was won then literally by a scratch and was won then interary by a stratch on a road hardly downy with white, seen like a tale that is 'old; and we realize that latitude does not readed make temper-ature. It is not in exceptional winters, after all, that we class for a brief spell with Naples. Greenland and the polar stream are verer long in asserting their claim and Santa Slaus' to unchecked progress to our hearths.

CURRENT HUMOR.

(From the Chicago Post.) insulted me," said the legislator, ed?" returned the plain citizen, "Office "Indeed?" returned the plain citizen. "Cherec in money, I suppose?"
"Oh, it wasn't that," replied the legislator, "in iderestimated by price."

Back Action

(From the Led'un polis Journal.)
"What is Lenten discipline, Uncle Obed?"
"Lenten discipline is attempting to make song-body else give up a had habit and finding out that you can't." An Ultimatum.

(Firm the Indianapolis Journal) Mr. Dolps Mrs. Dopps, your new frock is trail-ag on the ground. Mrs. Dopps I don't care if it is, I'm not going a hold it up until I get a silk petiticat. A Definition.

The Essence of Menaness,

(From the Indianapolis Press.)
"What sort of a fellow is Bobbers in a social

way?"
"Oh, he is one of those idiots who would say sweets to the sweet' when he was pass the pickles to a lady of uncertain age."

NOTES OF THE DAY.

Hundreds of squirrels will be turned loose in

The longest span of telegraph wire in the world that over the river Kistha, in India. It is over 000 feet lorg.

There are 90,000 trees in the city of Paris, in-cluding 15,000 willows, 17,000 chestmuts, and 26,000 plane trees.

Seventeen Rus on newspapers had trouble with tith the censor last year, and two of them were ntirely suppressed.

The opening of the first electric line in Mexico was marked by the coinage of a new Spanish word motorista, for new orman. Sycose is the new material used as a substitute for sugar in diabetes. Its sweetening power is 550 times greater than sugar.

An English scientific journal speaks of a couple A strong central bank for India is now a part of

Those who live long are always small caters. The enormous task the liver and storach of a gournand have daily is too much for any system. at such from department headquarters and at such from some for any system.

An extraordinary criminal, known as Sakamento Keiriro, and famed in Japan as the "lightning burglat" goes to his doom with a total of seventy-one crimes.

It is predicted that before long the sandwich and the sandwich are contacted to the contacted of the sandwich are contacted to the contacted of the sandwich are contacted to the contacted of the conta

Drill Regulations for Const Artillery under the head of "Night Practice," page 122.

The command will be exercised in "Fire Direction" and "Fire Control" at least

A first-class terroom, artistically decorated has

A fittl-class tearoom, artistically decorated, has been opened by a London railway company at Euston terminus, for women and children, to enable them to obtain light refreshments without entering the bars. The total of the Spanish lesses in the Cuban war were as follows: Killed in battle, 2.355; died

of wounds, 1,291; died of yellow fever, 20,629 died of starvation and otherwise, 30,120; missing 74; total, 54,569. in constructing the Trans-Siberlan Railway and for the increase of the army and the ravy, the revenues for twelve years exceeded distursements by 790,000,000 rubles.

The brilliant sunsets due to dust from the great eleanie explosion at Krakaton are still a vivid

The London News states that Monte Carlo is the

Magnalium, an alloy of 10 to 20 perts by weight of magnesium, with 100 of aluminum, it claimed to have all the advantages of aluminum, and also to be adapted for working with tools, while even lighter than aluminum.

A member of the Kansas Legislature has an nounced his candidacy for re-election on a platform in opposition to the employment of women plots legislative assemblies, or, for that matter, a any branch of the State Government.

Trying many colors, H. J. Moeller has found hat medicinal agents are best protected from light black, red, orange, yellow, brown-yellow, are green glasses. Blue or coloriess glass of no protection against the chemical rays. Owing to the absence of Englishmen at this sea-

f Nice say their trade has fallen off about 36 or cent. The merchanis are bitter against the rench press for helping to drive away the Erg-A brood of five nestling sparrowhawks has fur sisbed Dr. R. W. Shufeldt some curious results The birds were so graduated in size that it ap-peared the female must have laid the ergs at regular intervals, probably three or four days apart.

C. I. Hudson, a member of the Stock Exchange

along the edge of the adjacent woods, when suddenly a wolf sprang on the domestic milk purveyer. By some aurious hazard the goal must
have raised her head at the same moment, for
the head of the wolf caught between her horse
and could not be withdrawn. Each animal
pulled in a different direction, and the noise of
the struggle attracted Mms Signlard's attention.
Paralyzed from fear and excitement, the woman
could not ritter a word nor call for help. Fortumately a neighbor happened to pass. He seized
the wolf's hind legs, while the widow stabbed it
in the side until it was killed. The goat since

There is a Berlin man who is the proud posses

of a timepiece which is considered to be the ost marvelous piece of mechanism that human most marvelous piece of mechanism that human skill ever put together, says the "New York Herald Ingenuity and human skill have been brought into operation, with the result that a watch has been constructed which measures less than one-quarter of an inch in diameter, or one with the tree of about the size of a large-sized tock or nail. The case is made of the very finest of gold, and the whole watch weighs less than two grains Trey. In Troy weight it takes 489 grains to make an ounce, and twelve concess constitutes a pound, or 5,700 grains are contained in a pound. This wondryful piece of mechanism weighs only one-2,850th part of a pound. So great a curiosity was this midget coesidered that his owner paid \$1,556.09 for it, and he would not sell it for twice that amount. The numerals on the face are in